



National Nail Competition

4th & 5th October 2009. RDS, Simonscourt, Dublin



General Rules & Regulations

COMPETITION ENTRY DEADLINE – 11th September 2009

The following rules apply to all categories and it is essential that you follow them. Please visit www.biteireland.com for all of the category rules and regulations and floor judging rules. Please ensure that you read and understand them. If you would like a copy sent by post or if you have any entry or payment enquiries, please contact the competition registration/payment office on Dublin 01 2958181. If you have any technical or judging enquiries, please contact the technical support line on London 0044 208 302 2020.

ENTRY / PAYMENT / ADMIN LINE; 01 295 8181

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“NEW FOR 2009! “

Separate Irish and International 1st ~ 3rd placing for the 5 top main categories!

To support Irish competitors and welcome International competitors, **b.i.t.e** is proud to announce the new placing system that will allow all nail competitors a much higher opportunity of gaining that coveted trophy!

Company Points Challenge 2009

This is a new challenge to encourage your company / product supplier to support you in entering competitions. They will be awarded one point for every competitor who enters any category using their products.

Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and International Technicians of the Year 2009

Any competitor who registers before the deadline will be automatically entered into the appropriate category. Points will be awarded to any competitors placed 1st in any category (except Novice) and the winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on Monday 5th October.

To gain maximum possible points, 5 categories should be entered.

1. REGISTRATION

Registration times will vary depending on if you are entering a morning or afternoon category. Registrations will take place at the front of the competition area. Pre-registered competitors will be seated prior to competitors registering on the day but only if you arrive on time. You must be seated with your model in time for the briefing, as once briefing starts; you or your model will not be allowed to leave the competition room. (Please allow time for visiting the “ladies/gents” and for a light snack as it will be some time before you can have lunch!) Anyone arriving after the briefing has begun will not be permitted entry. Competitors entering both morning and afternoon categories will be allowed to register for both in the morning. Due to the time allowed for judging, you will **NOT** be able to use the same model for the morning and afternoon categories (with the exception of Manicure models).

MORNING CATEGORIES

Registrations – 9.30am

Briefing – 10.15am

Competition starts – 10.30am

AFTERNOON CATEGORIES

Registrations – 2.00pm

Briefing – 2.15pm

Competition starts – 2.30pm

2. Competitor numbers will be allocated on the day and your number labels will be given to you at the competition registration desk. One is for your uniform and the other is for your models right hand/foot.
3. Competitors must provide their own model, lighting, extension lead, towels, water, small metal bin with a metal lid and plastic liner, previously completed client card, eye protection/goggles and all materials needed for the competition. If warm water is required, competitors must supply their own, in a suitable container.
4. Once seated for briefing, all equipment/personal belongings must be stored neatly under the tables. Please note that once briefing starts competitors will NOT be able to retrieve any items from their bags/belongings and points may be deducted if this happens.
5. All products/pump dispensers/jars/bottles etc must be correctly labelled with product ingredients. Original manufacturers' labels are preferable and must be in English. You do not need to label your small dappen dishes.
6. All mobile phones MUST be switched off (including models' phones). Competitors will be disqualified for phones ringing/answered during the competition. You may wish to leave a mobile phone on "silent" with your model so that they can contact you once they have been judged.
7. No drills, electric files or mechanical devices will be allowed – (Except for the Nail Art category).
8. Please ensure that you follow your individual rules for what products are allowed/not allowed in your category. Any products that are not allowed will be removed from your desk and you may be disqualified. For the categories that are NOT allowed to use Cuticle oil; this also includes ANY oil based products such as some cuticle removers, hand creams and oil sprays.
9. Strict timings must be adhered to. Please refer to the individual category rules.
10. No smoking or eating is allowed during the competition or in the competition area. Soft drinks are acceptable. It is advisable for competitors and models to eat prior to the competition. This is essential for your model as the judging process may take some time.
11. Models must not wear any identifiable garments - with no logos or advertising of any kind. Jewellery below the elbow (with the exception of a wedding band) must be removed. Models should also wear comfortable clothing and shoes as they may also be required to stand for some time during judging. Please do inform your model that judging can sometimes take up to 2 hours. It is important that you and your model eat prior to the start and visit the ladies/gents just prior to briefing! Some models like to bring a magazine to read although this entirely at their own risk of damaging their nails.
12. Competitors must be aware that floor judges will be scrutinizing working practices. Marks will be awarded for hygiene, tidiness and personal presentation. Floor judging rules apply to ALL categories (except Photographic and Boxed nail art). No points are given for floral or candle displays. Many points are often lost due to no client card or eye protection, and using a bin with no metal lid and plastic liner. Please refer to the separate floor judging information sheet.
13. At the conclusion of the competition, competitors MUST leave the competition area until judging has finished. Please take both your own and your model's personal belongings with you, such as handbags, as the organizers are not held responsible for these items at any time. You will be informed when you are allowed to pack your kit away.

14. Most models will be pre-judged. Models will be called up for their nails to be pre-judged before the main judging. It is the model's responsibility to ensure they are judged a second time and must remain in the competition area until after all the judging has finished. It is the model's responsibility to ensure that they are seen by all of the judges. If your model is in any doubt that their nails have been not fully judged, then please ask a member of the competition staff BEFORE leaving the judging area. Once your model has left the competition/judging area, they will NOT be allowed back in.
15. Photographs, box/cases, step by steps, score sheets and certificates will only be distributed after the Award Ceremony when judges will be available for critiques.
16. For the photography and boxed nail art categories, please ensure that your name is written only **ONCE** on the reverse of the photograph/box and the step by step/s. These details are concealed prior to judging. They must be handed in no later than 1.00pm on the Sunday 4th October.
17. In the event of a tie, the appointed adjudicator's decision will be final. Rules and regulations or amendments will remain at the discretion of the competition organizers. All competitors are expected to be fully insured and work is carried out at their own risk.
18. Photographs may be taken by an official photographer and Emap/Professional Beauty reserve the right to use the work in their magazines.
19. It is the competitor's responsibility to enter themselves into the correct category. Novice competitors must have been doing nails for less than 2 years and must never have previously entered any nail competition. Please enclose your beginner's course certificate or course tutors letter with your completed entry form.
20. **The awards ceremony will take place on MONDAY 5th October at 3.30pm** where all of the results from all of the nail competition categories from both days will be announced. Please note there is NO awards ceremony on Sunday 4th October. If any person competing on Sunday is unable to return for the awards ceremony, then any certificates/prizes due will be sent by post. It is highly recommended that all competitors and their models attend the awards ceremony.
21. All score sheets will be distributed after the Award Ceremony when the judges will be available for critiques. It is highly recommended that you take the time (please have your models nails to hand!) to speak to the judges. Serious competitors gain valuable advice and feedback from the judges to improve their confidence and technique in both the salon environment and for the next competition.
22. Company Points Challenge 2009. This is a new challenge to encourage your company / product supplier to support you in entering competitions. They will be awarded one point for every competitor who enters any category using their products. The winning company/supplier will be announced at the nail competition awards ceremony.
23. Expo Events reserve the right to amalgamate, at any time, any categories if the entrance level is 5 or below. We also reserve the right due to withdraw any categories up to 5 days prior to the competition. The organizers will contact you if this happens. If any category is withdrawn, then competitors will have the option of a refund of payment or the chance to move to a different category. (Please note: NO refund will be given for category amalgamation.)
24. All completed entry forms must be faxed, sent by post or emailed. No entries will be taken by telephone.

25. Entry forms submitted after the deadline date, if accepted, will be charged 60 Euros per category. Places will NOT be guaranteed for entries submitted AFTER the deadline date or for those who enter on the day. Your competition entry confirmation letter will be sent at least 7-14 days prior to the competition. Entry is in agreement with the rules and regulations. Please call the competition lines if you have any questions.
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Entry Fees	
One category	€35
Two Categories	€60
Three Categories	€80
Four Categories	€100
Five Categories	€120
Any category entered on the day or after the deadline date	€60 each

Please return a completed entry form along with your payment by Friday 11th September 2009 to:
B.i.t.e, National Nail Competition –
Expo Events Ltd, 4th Floor, Building 2, The Courtyard, Carmenhall Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18, Ireland.

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